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Charge Americans Commit Grave Offenses in Haiti, A. M. E. Minister Returned From Long Stay, Tells of Deplorable Conditions in Negro State.

The Rev. S. E. Churchstone-Lord, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Port au Prince, Haiti, is in the United States as a delegate to the General Conference which meets in May. He has been in Haiti for a number of years and is thoroughly conversant with conditions in that country, both before and since the present American occupation.

In conversation with an Age representative, the Rev. Mr. Lord declared that the present condition of unrest and dissatisfaction in Haiti is due primarily to acts of the American representatives. The charge is made directly that many of the men making up the army of occupation have been guilty of the most heinous crimes against the natives. According to the minister, it is a common sight to see the men in company with young native girls taking them out of the way places and assaulting them, and in many instances causing their death.

Dr. Lord declared that he was authorized by the Haitian people to say to colored American citizens that their friendship was greatly desired. It was set up as one of the paramount needs of the little Negro republic that a large number of American Negroes, including business men and women, industrial teachers and social workers, should come into Haiti and work among the people. Dr. Lord condemns, in no uncertain manner, the conduct of America in its attitude toward the people.

The most serious charge made against the American sailors was that in one night nine little girls, 8 to 12 years old, died as a result of being raped by American sailors. The further charge is made that members of the native constabulary are compelled by the white officers to procure native women for use of the whites as concubines.

At the annual convention of the Mite Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Ophelia Lawrence, president, held at the Emanuel A. M. E. Church, West 62nd street, New York, Dr. Lord delivered an address in which he spoke in detail of Haitian conditions, both social and political. He said in part:

"It would be a better policy on the part of the American administration to win the friendship of the Haitians than to beat them into submission. The Haitians want the friendship of the American people, but now distrust is everywhere. They want no military occupation. They want, and have begged me to say to you that they want an American army of colored teachers and business men and women with new ideas for their regeneration. They want back their government, for the Haitians who plotted to bring foreign control are now dead.

"In one night alone in the 'Bisque' section, nine little girls from 8 to 12 years old died from the raping of American sailors. The people are willing to be friendly to the American people along commercial and financial lines, but let the American government call away the military forces and send an army of industrial teachers and social workers."

Speaking of commercial development Dr. Lord advised the American Negro to reach out into Haiti, the West Indies and Africa for opportunities for investment. He declared there was a connection between the work of the missionary department of the church and business expansion and that large contributions to the A. M. E. missionary work would operate for helpful propaganda and service through the missionaries.

Bishop Evans Tyree and Presiding Elder C. P. Cole were present at the convention and Dr. Lord took occasion to endorse the candidacy of the Rev. J. W. Rankin for the Bishopric.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

I. Cooper, Plaintiff, vs. Leanna Cooper, Defendant. No. 8821.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Leanna Cooper, Greetings:

The defendant, Leanna Cooper, will take notice that she has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, I. Cooper, for an Absolute Divorce, and that unless she answer the petition of the plaintiff, on or before the 6th day of July, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this 14th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By W. H. BALLARD,

Deputy Clerk.

W. J. TWINE,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Charlie Bell Morris, Plaintiff, vs. Edward W. Morris, Defendant. No. 8826.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Edward W. Morris, Greetings:

The defendant, Edward W. Morris, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Charlie Bell Morris, for an Absolute Divorce on the grounds of abandonment and desertion, and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, on or before the 6th day of July, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this 18th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By W. H. BALLARD,

Deputy Clerk.

GEORGE W. PARKER,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

BLACK BILLY SUNDAY

The noted revivalist, Black Billy Sunday, is in our city and is having great success in his work. He is holding forth at the Central Baptist church and preaching to record breaking crowds. Aside from being one of the greatest revivalists in the country he is one of the most loyal of race men and is always ready and willing to do his part in helping along worthy race efforts. The race is in need of many such patriotic, loyal race leaders.

Our schools run the full nine months and it is all due to the common people who raised the \$1,000 on short notice and the honest, fair-dealing white people who came across with the \$2,500. And all this was done while some of our leaders were opposing the movement. "It's a pity 'tis true and 'tis true 'tis a pity." The Patrons' League with Rev. S. S. Jones as leader, can do wonders.

The people of Okmulgee and adjoining counties raised \$150 and sent Prof. M. A. Wade, their delegate, to Chicago. This is fine, but up to date the other delegate has not raised \$5. The east side of the district is not much interested. Why? This is probably one good reason that our good women are not being registered. Are the men worth a d—

Notice By Publication.

In the District Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Mary E. Young, Plaintiff, vs. William H. Young, Defendant. No. 7465.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant William H. Young, Greetings:

The defendant, William H. Young, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Mary E. Young, for Divorce, and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging abandonment and desertion, on or before the 21st day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said District Court this 6th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Clerk District Court.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy Clerk.

GEORGE W. PARKER,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

REFORMATORY LETTER ADVISING COLORED BOYS.

May 26, 1920.

Mr. Albert F. Clark,

Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Brother: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I am getting along fine and hope you the same. You must write me, Albert, and let me know how you and all the rest are getting along. Write and let me know was you promoted or not. Albert, don't stop studying just because school is out. Study hard each night of your spare time. I study quite often now. Albert, you know I use to didn't care for an education, but I found out that an education was all in getting you through this world these days. Albert, don't do like I did when school starts. You start to school the first day it opens. I acted hard headed, and you see what a hard head gets. And of all things, obey papa, and if you don't obey him you will come down here where I am. Reginald Hopwood is down here for being disobedient. Albert, tell Chandler, Mrs. Norma, Frances and papa, hello. Tell Jack Jones and Jack Tatum hello. Well, Albert, this is all, so I will close. I remain as ever

Your brother,

FRANK.

Mr. Henry Tension of Allen,

Texas, called at our office today.

Mr. Tension is one of the best farmers in Texas and has grown rice has a farmer. Mr. Tension while in Muskogee captured two runaway girls from his community. One is his own daughter and the other a daughter of a neighbor, Mr. Moore. We met Mr. Tension years ago when this was the beautiful Indian territory.

Notice by Publication.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Riley Parks, Plaintiff, vs. Florence Parks, Defendant. No. 8481.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Florence Parks, Greeting:

The defendant, Florence Parks, will take notice that she has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Riley Parks, for absolute divorce and separation and that unless she answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging extreme cruelty and desertion and abandonment, on or before the 26th day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this 14th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy Clerk.

W. J. OWENS,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice By Publication.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Alfred Geary, Plaintiff, vs. Sallie Geary, Defendant. No. 8762.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Sallie Geary, Greetings:

The defendant, Sallie Geary, will take notice that she has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Alfred Geary, for Absolute Divorce and custody of their minor child, Rose Geary, and that unless she answer the petition of the plaintiff, on or before the 6th day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this 22nd day of April, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy Clerk.

W. J. TWINE,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

I visited Pawhuska Lodge No. 135 at Pawhuska, Okla., on Sunday, May 30th, 1920, to assist the W. M. of Pawhuska Lodge in the funeral of one of their number, and I found the boys in one shape and doing well, and everything went off in one shape, as it was their first trial.

J. T. TRIMBLE.

Notice by Publication.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Seenie Bruce, Plaintiff, vs. Young Bruce, Defendant. No. 8410.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant, Young Bruce, Greetings:

The defendant, Young Bruce, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Seenie Bruce, for absolute divorce and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging extreme cruelty, desertion and abandonment, on or before the 26th day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this 14th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy Clerk.

W. J. OWENS,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice By Publication.

In the District Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Pearl Wilkerson, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Wilkerson, Defendant. No. 7443.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Frank Wilkerson, Greetings:

The defendant, Frank Wilkerson, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Pearl Wilkerson, for Divorce, and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging abandonment and desertion, on or before the 10th day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District Court this 23rd day of April, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Clerk District Court.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

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GEORGE W. PARKER,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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22 MARTYRS OF UGANDA HONORED AS WERE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN HEROES OF THE ARENA.

It is not generally known that the Catholic Church confers the highest honors she bestows on anyone also upon members of the colored race, elevating those who have excelled by a saintly life or the death of martyrdom to the ranks of the "Blessed" and of the "Saints." An event involving the beatification of natives of Africa transpired on May 13 and 15 in St. Peter's Church in Rome, when 22 of them were honored in a manner similar to that in which the heroes of the Arena in the early Christian days were glorified.

Under the observance of a most solemn ritual, Pope Benedict XV. on those days proclaimed to the assembled congregation and to the world that the 22 martyrs of Uganda had been raised to the ranks of the Blessed. These young men were pages to King Muanga. Because of their firm refusal to deny Christ, and to do homage to the goddesses of their pagan brethren, 13 of their number were burned to death and nine suffered martyrdom in various ways. The event transpired in 1886.

The solemn ceremonies which marked the beatification of these African youths in recognition of their Christian fortitude were preceded by a most careful investigation into all the circumstances connected with their martyrdom. The Catholic church is exceedingly cautious in the processes of beatification and canonization, which lead up to the solemn and official designation of the subjects as Blessed or as Saints. The Uganda martyrs were honored simultaneously with Joan of Arc, The Maid of Orleans, whose veneration the world over as the valiant defender of France in centuries past is as much a matter of history as were her courageous actions and ignominious death under circumstances proving her Sanctity. It is also a noteworthy fact that a number of French nuns were beatified on the same occasion, having died as martyrs during the Great French Revolution.

"Beatification" in the Catholic Church is the act by which the Pope of Rome decrees the title of Blessed to one already known as a venerable servant of God. It gives leave in specified places of public liturgical honors to be given to those who have been declared Blessed. It is a preparation for canonization; and implies that the servant of God has led a life of heroic sanctity, that at his intercession miracles have been wrought after his death, and that he enjoys the reward of heaven.

In the Papal consistory held on March 8th at Rome, Pope Benedict dwelt at length on the glorious example of moral courage given by the 22 Uganda martyrs, whose Christian fortitude, he said was worthy of emulation by all mankind.

Notice by Publication.

In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Matt Collins, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Collins, Defendant. No. 8550.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant, Willie Collins, Greetings:

The defendant, Willie Collins, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Matt Collins, for absolute divorce, and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging extreme cruelty, and abandonment and desertion, on or before the 26th day of June, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the seal of said Superior Court this the 14th day of May, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy Clerk.

W. J. OWENS,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

The editor has gone to Chicago to be in at the nomination of the next President of the United States, because it is a well settled fact that whoever is nominated by that convention will be elected. There are many going from this city and county and we hope that on the return that the local organization will get to work in building up the party and not draw the color line in doing so. It is well known that a great body of Republican voters have in the past been neglected by the party managers, and how they can hope for success by such suicidal actions is a mystery to us. There are hundreds of colored men and women that have not been registered and this should be attended to if the party means really to win, but if it is only making a bluff, then they will do nothing to save this vote.

It falls to us as Editor, Manager and evil during the absence of the Editor and we will do the very best we can to give our readers value received.

J. T. TRIMBLE,

Manager.

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In the Superior Court of Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma.

Jewel Radcliff, Plaintiff, vs. Mearl Radcliff, Defendant. No. 8867.

The State of Oklahoma to the Defendant Mearl Radcliff, Greetings:

The defendant, Mearl Radcliff, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Jewel Radcliff for divorce and that unless he answer the petition of the plaintiff, alleging desertion and abandonment on or before the 16th day of July, 1920, the allegations set forth in said petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court this the 3rd day of June, 1920.

L. D. MARTIN,

Court Clerk.

By DESSA C. BOICE,

Deputy.

GEORGE W. PARKER,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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